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Title : METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A STRUCTURAL
COMPONENT

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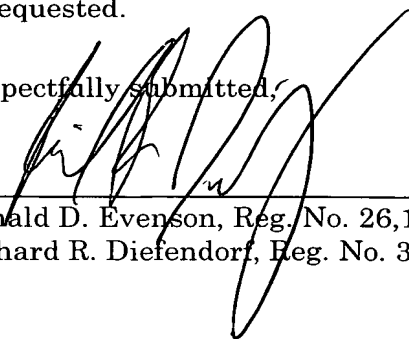
Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, the invention identified as invention "I", defined by claims 1-30, is elected, with traverse, for examination.

Reconsideration of the requirement for restriction is requested. As a reason for requiring restriction, the Examiner states that "[c]laim 31 is a product by process claim which is not interpreted as relying upon the method of claim 1 for patentability and thus can be made by varying processes." This statement, however, is simply a conclusion, and does not show either (A) that the process as claimed is not an obvious process of making the product and the process as claimed can be used to make other and different products, or (B) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process as MPEP § 806.05(f) particularly requires. Withdrawal of the requirement for restriction is in order and is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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